GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
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COAL RESOURCES
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government propose to explore and initiate early mining activities at various new coal mines in the country;

(b): if so, the details thereof, location-wise, mines- wise, particularly of those which would come into production during 2001-2002;

(c): the steps taken/being taken by the Government to search for new coal resources;

(d): whether incentives have been given to the private sector to find and exploit the coal resources; and

(e): if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): Yes, Sir. New coal mines have been proposed for exploitation by Coal India Limited.

(b): Details of the new mines which are programmed to produce during 2001-02 are given below:-

Company	Coalfield	Mine	Type of Mine	Capacity (MTY)	Target 2001-02 (MT)
ECL	Raniganj	Sankarpur	UG	0.12	0.03
BCCL	Jharia	Satabdi	OC	1.15	0.50
Raniganj	Dahibari/Basan tima	OC	1.20	0.36	
CCL	W. Bokaro	Topa	OC	1.20	0.60
WCL	W. Valley	Dhurwasa	OC	0.55	0.10
SECL	CIC	Amanand	OC	1.15	0.05
CIC		Kanchan	OC	0.32	0.10

(c): New coal resources are identified and established through regional and promotional exploration which are continuing activities. Regional and promotional drilling has been envisaged to be done in Raniganj, birbhum in West Bengal Rajmahal, East Bokaro, North and South Karanpura in Jharkhand, Pench-kanhan, Tawa valley, Sohagpur, Sonhat, Singrauli, Hasdeoarand, Korba, Mand- Raigarh and Tapani-Ramkola in M.P./Chattisgarh, Wardha valley and Katol in Maharashtra, IB river and Talcher in Orissa and Godavari valley in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) & (e): No incentive is given; however, under the extant provisions of Coal Mines(Nationalisation)Act, 1973, private entrepreneurs have been permitted to undertake mining of coal blocks for captive generation of power, manufacture of iron & steel and production of cement. For this purpose, 122 coal blocks under the jurisdiction of CIL and SCCL have been identified for allotment to the private/public sector companies. The allocation of such coal mining blocks is made by a Screening Committee set up in the Ministry of Coal Under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary(Coal). 27 coal mining blocks stand allotted as on 10-7-2001 for captive use.